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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 765

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LT, OAU

SUBJECT: GOL ATTENDANCE AT OAU SUMMIT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: GOL ANNOUNCED JULY 17 THAT LESOTHO'S DELEGATION TO OAU SUMMIT WILL BE HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SEKHONYANA MASERIBANE, WHO WILL TRAVEL TO KAMPALA JULY 25. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, FONMIN KOTSOKOANE, PERMSEC IN FONOFF ODILON SEFAKO, AND LEGAL OFFICER IN FONOFF THABO MAKEKA, DEPARTED FOR KAMPALA LAST WEEK. GOLHANNOUNCEMENT ALSO STATED KING MOSHOESHOE II WILL NOT ATTEND SUMMIT AS HE WILL BE ON STATE VISIT TO LIBERIA AT THAT TIME. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: SOME OBSERVERS HERE INTERPRET ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KING WILL NOT ATTEND AS VEILED INDICATION OF GOL DISAPPROVAL OF AMIN REGIME. REASONING BEHIND THIS INTERPRETATION IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS GRATUITOUS IN THAT KING HAS NOT

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TION IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS GRATUITOUS IN THAT KING HAS NOT

ATTENDED SUMMITS IN PAST AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO
ATTEND THIS ONE IN ANY CASE. WE VERY SKEPTICAL OF THIS INTER-
PRETATION. GOL HAS BEEN AT PAINS TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS
WITH UGANDA AND RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM
UGANDA WILL SOON TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN MASERU TO BECOME THE FIRST
RESIDENT DIPLOMAT HERE FROM ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE,
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE INFORMS US THAT GOL WAS COMPLETELY
UNRESPONSIVE WHEN UK RECENTLY SOUGHT LESOTHO'S INTERVENTION WITH
UGANDA IN HILLS CASE.
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